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In accordance with 37 CFR §1.56 and §1.97(b), the applicant wishes to call the attention of the Examiner to the references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. Copies of these references are submitted herewith.

French Patent No. 2,648,493

German Utility Model No. DE 200 17 445 U1

The aforementioned references were cited in the "Background of the Invention" section of the present application. Accordingly, no further discussion is believed to be necessary.

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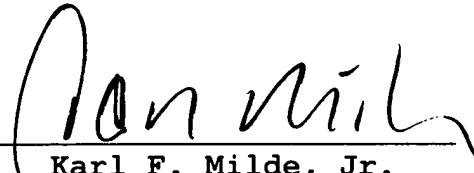
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The aforementioned references were cited in the German examination procedure of the corresponding German Application No. 102 39 331.1.

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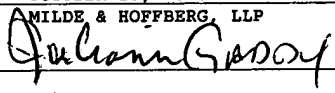
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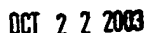
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